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JSU became a certified Tree Campus USA during the 2012 celebration of Arbor Day, last Thursday.

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The following poems were selected as winners of the Arbor Day poetry contest. The poems were announced by Dr. Doug O'Keefe, faculty advisor of the JSU Writer's Club.

Make believe

by Michelle Lowery Combs

For play or simple kindness,
he wedged a coin into the small knot hole,
a surprise for his little darling,
to be discovered as she walked him to his car for work,
her habit he most treasured.

"Look here," he'd say.
"We've got ourselves a money tree.
Be sure to check it while I'm away.
I've rarely seen this type of magic tree;
It must grow here because you are so special."

And beneath the tree in the cool morning air,
bending to tie his shoe,
he would make a deposit in the soft green grass,
the change his pockets had to spare.

Morning after morning the journey was made,
the princess to see her king off,
with a stop by the tree of magic
to collect the coins that had been laid,
until well after the days of her belief in magic trees
when she appreciated the magic of a father more.

Winter's bloom

by Tiffani Foster

The smell of wet soil permeated the air
As you drove your roots deeper
Into land we both share.
Lifting your proud neck,
You drew yourself toward the heavens:
Arms bearing fruit, that I cannot reach;
Your fingertips painted a hue
That no man could match.

But, in the years twilight
You began to shed your old wants,
Old pride, old vanity
One by one
Until your body stood bare before me
Bearing your winter's bloom
As you kept your faith through the night
Until the sun returned to the north
To give us life anew.

Planting seeds, saving trees

EMILY GLASER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University celebrated Arbor Day with a certified Tree Campus USA award. JSU and Auburn University are the only two campuses in the state to hold the award, and are among only 116 schools in the country. "[Trees] bring the community and the school together," said SGA member Tory Green to the crowd. Matt McCollough, Cliff Hawkins and Neil Letson, all from the Alabama Forestry Commission in Montgomery, pre-

sented JSU President Dr. Meehan with the award. Meehan then helped plant a tree on the hill adjacent to the Theron Montgomery building, with the help of the Forestry Commission and the JSU Grounds Crew. The Arbor Day Foundation sets annual requirements to be eligible for a Tree Campus USA certification. These include forming a Campus Tree Advisory Committee, creating a Campus Tree Care Plan, developing a Campus Tree Program with dedicated annual expenditures, observing Arbor Day, and completing a service

learning project. Meehan expressed his pride in JSU for earning such an honor. In addition, Jacksonville Mayor Johnny Smith praised the JSU Grounds Crew for their work keeping the campus looking so good. Because of the new trees, "it will look good for years to come," Smith announced. The presentation began with Earth Club President Nicholas Charles welcoming everyone. Boy Scouts Troop 19 then presented the flag and Rev. Truman Norred followed with the invocation. JSU Earth Club mem-

ber Alexandra Mosley read "A Tree is a Home" and Jacksonville Tree Commission member Kenny Griffin presented the Johnny Appleseed Award. Dr. Doug O'Keefe, faculty advisor of the JSU Writers' Club, announced the winners of the Arbor Day poetry contest. Michelle Combs and Tiffani Foster both received the award and presented their poems for the gathered crowd. For more information about Arbor Day and the Campus Tree USA program, visit www.arbor-day.org.

Pulitzer Prize winner Connie Schultz visits JSU

Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper columnist Connie Schultz will visit Jacksonville State University on March 8, 2012, to deliver the annual Ayers Lecture hosted by the JSU Department of Communication. Ms. Schultz will speak at 1:30 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The lecture is free and open to the general public. While in Jacksonville, Ms. Schultz will also meet with aspiring student journalists and other communication majors to talk about the current state of the news media. Ms. Schultz won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for columns that judges praised for providing "a voice for the underdog and the underprivileged." Also in 2005, Schultz won the Scripps Howard National Journalism Award for Commentary and the National Headliner Award for Commentary. She was a 2003 Pulitzer Prize finalist in feature writing for her series, "The Burden of Innocence," which chronicled the ordeal of Michael Green, who was imprisoned for 13 years for a rape he did not commit. The week after her series ran, the real rapist turned himself in after reading her stories. The series won the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Social Justice Reporting, the National Headliner

Award's Best of Show and journalism awards from Harvard and Columbia universities. In 2004, Schultz won the Batten Medal, which honors "a body of journalistic work that reflects compassion, courage, humanity and a deep concern for the underdog." Schultz is also a fellow with the Vietnam Reporting Project. Her 2011 series, "Unfinished Business," explored the long-term impact of Agent Orange in the U.S., and in Vietnam. Recently, the series won the Associated Press Managing Editors Journalism Excellence Award in International Perspective. Schultz is the author of two books published by Random House: "Life Happens - And Other Unavoidable Truths," a collection of essays, and "... and His Lovely Wife," a memoir about her husband Sherrod Brown's successful 2006 race for the U.S. Senate. Her newspaper column is nationally syndicated by Creators Syndicate, and she is a regular essayist for Parade Magazine. Her column appears regularly in The Anniston Star. The Ayers Lecture Series began at JSU in 1988 and honors Harry M. and Edell Y. Ayers, both of whom were publishers of The Anniston Star.

-From Newswire

Southerners get ready to 'Fly Away'



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SIERRA TILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Marching Southerners will begin their 56th year with their eyes to the skies, thanks to their 2012 production, "I'll Fly Away." This is the 19th year for marching band director Kenneth G. Bodiford. Including his years teaching high school and the years that he was the director of JSU Spirit, this will be the 31st field show production in which he has been involved in the creative process. "I'll Fly Away" is a hymn that is a staple in the Southerners. At the end of rehearsals and performances they huddle up together, link arms, and sing in unison. It is something that freshmen and alumni alike know. For Bodiford, the song and its lyrics come close to home. "I think that it conveys hopes and dreams of a place that is worry free and full of peace -regard-

less of what one's religious beliefs may be," said Bodiford. His mother who had recently passed away considered the Southerners singing "I'll Fly Away" one of her favorite moments. "I can't help but think of her and the smile that The Southerners would bring to her face when they would sing," said Bodiford. "When I hear the hymn 'I'll fly Away,' I feel a sense of peace and calm." Since the Southerners sing "I'll Fly Away" on a daily basis during marching band season, Bodiford was tight lipped on whether they would sing it in the show "You know, our fans are going to have to come out and see it—I don't want to spoil it for them," he said. However, he was able to say that there will be several effects this year that have never been attempted with The Southerners. This show, like previous ones, will have high energy physically. The show will include visual ef-

fects that people have never seen before. There will also be many powerful emotional moments that, he says, will "touch every listener differently." Bodiford stated that this production will differ from previous shows. "Each year, my goal, is to always bring something new, exciting and innovative to the table" said Bodiford. "For our show, you can expect to see new creative costuming that will enhance the theme of the show as well as props and colorful guard equipment that will elevate our visual program to new heights." Many don't realize how much effort goes into producing such a huge show, and one thing students can expect is to be blown away by the raw sound that is the Marching Southerners.

CAMPUS & LOCAL

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

“Morning Air”



Megan Roberts/THE CHANTICLEER

ABOUT THE PHOTO Roberts says, “I pass by this on my Ladiga run every morning. It’s why I choose that part of the trail, because it puts me at peace and kind of sets my mood for the day.”

CAMPUS CRIME

Monday, February 20

- Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency, Merrill Hall
- Medical Emergency, Carlisle Building
- Fraudulent Use of a Debit Card & Theft of Lost Property, Crow Hall and Business Off Campus
- Arrest for Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Arrest and Obstruction of Governmental Operations, Student Health Center Parking Lot
- City Ordinance Violation, Crow Hall

Tuesday, February 21

- Information Report, Pete Mathews Coliseum
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Etowah County
- Improper Parking, Salls Hall
- Information Report, Stone Center Parking Lot

Wednesday, February 22

- Harassing Communications, Off Campus
- Threat Assessment, Dauge Hall
- Medical Emergency, Pete Mathews Coliseum

Thursday, February 23

- Arrest for Criminal Littering, Crow Hall Parking Lot
- Fire, Paul Carpenter Village

Friday, February 24

- Arrest for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor, Duncan Maintenance Shop
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- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Jacksonville Police Dept.
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Ayers Hall Parking Lot
- Arrest for Criminal Trespassing, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Stadium Tower Parking Lot
- Disorderly Conduct, Crow Hall Parking Lot
- Domestic Violence & Criminal Mischief, Pete Mathews Coliseum

Saturday, February 25

- Automobile Accident, Pete Mathews Coliseum

Sunday, February 26

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Curtiss Hall

CALENDAR

Friday, March 2

North East Regional Technology Fair
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium
When: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Dept. of Technology & Engineering
Contact: Terry Marbut at tmarbut@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5034

Tuesday, March 6

Mu Xi Birthday Celebration
Where: TMB Lawn
When: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Sigma Gamma Rho
Contact: Audryana kelley at jsu0714p@jsu.edu

Wednesday, March 3

American Chemical Society Blood Drive
Where: Martin Hall
When: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: American Chemical Society
Contact: Dr. Al Nichols at anichols@jsu.edu

Spring Annual Career Fair
Where: Merrill Hall Atrium
When: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Career Services
Contact: Tawana Roberts at troberts@jsu.edu

Business Etiquette Dinner
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium
When: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Alumni Relations
Contact: Kaci Ogle at kogle@jsu.edu

Safe Spring Break
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Dept. of Univ. Housing & Res. Life
Contact: Wesley Todd at wtodd@jsu.edu

BRIEFS

The JSU SGA announces the following with regard to the upcoming SGA Elections. If you’re interested in running for office, please make a note of these dates and visit the Office of Student Life on the fourth floor of the TMB beginning on March 1 to pick up your application.

- March 1 - SGA Applications go out
- March 15 - SGA Applications due
- March 16 - Mandatory SGA Candidate meeting, 3:00 TMB Auditorium
- March 19 - SGA Candidate Speeches, 7:00 TMB Auditorium
- April 2 - SGA Candidate Debates, 7:00 TMB Auditorium
- April 5 - SGA Elections

Career Services will host its annual Spring Career Fair on March 7, 2012 from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Merrill Hall Atrium. Students of all majors are encouraged to attend, dress professionally and bring 20+ copies of their resume. To view a list of companies attending, visit www.jsu.edu/careerservices

Jacksonville State University and the Friends of the Houston Cole Library will welcome Dr. Sue Brannan Walker, Poet Laureate of Alabama, for a very special event on Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in Room 1103B of Houston Cole Library. Copies of Dr. Walker’s books will be available for purchase and signing, and refreshments will be served after the presentation.

As the JSU Library prepares to move to a new version of the Library online catalog, all students are invited and encouraged to submit a name for that catalog. The deadline for submission is March 23, and a panel will then make the final decision on the best name and award a \$100 gift card prize to the winner.

OPINION

CASUAL CONVERSATION. TRENDY TOPICS



A danger to this country

MATTHEW TYSON
STAFF COLUMNIST

I am so blessed to have the opportunity to write a political opinion article, and especially to live in a country where I can exercise my rights to free speech.

With that being said, Rick Santorum is a bigoted, backwards, idiotic zealot who would like to take America back to the times of the Puritans. Please, don't vote for him.

Santorum talks a lot about the issues that are threatening our "moral society." He wants you to believe that Obama is on the warpath to destroy our liberty. He wants you to believe that homosexuals, birth control and working women are wiping the "traditional family" from existence.

Rick Santorum wants YOU to believe that if you elect him as president, he will restore honor, liberty and justice to our nation.

The truth is, Rick Santorum is one of the biggest threats to American freedom that I have seen in my lifetime. The fact that this man is currently picking up wins in the primaries makes me physically sick to my stomach.

In a 2006 interview with NPR, Santorum commented on the audacity of the Libertarian party and their views on freedom.

They have this idea that people should be left alone, be able to do whatever they want to do. Government should keep our taxes down and keep our regulation low and that we shouldn't get involved in the bedroom, we shouldn't get involved in cultural issues, you know, people should do whatever they want. Well, that is not how traditional conservatives view the world.

Now, with that quote in mind, Santorum recently gave a speech in Ohio where he called Obamacare "the straw that broke the camel's

back" and "the biggest government take-over of the private sector."

To put all this in perspective, it seems that Santorum supports the government being directly involved in how American citizens conduct their private lives, but when Obama attempts to provide free access to health insurance for every person in the country, Santorum calls it tyranny.

Santorum calls birth control a danger to this country. He says that it is a "license to do things in a sexual realm that are counter to how things are supposed to be."

Do you want to know who does things in a "sexual realm" that counters "how things are supposed to be"? Rapists. Child molesters. There are over 200,000 sexual assaults every year, and yet this man is talking about how birth control and homosexuals are our main sexual issues.

I can agree that there is a massive moral dilemma in this country, but it comes from selfish, backwards, close-minded individuals like Rick Santorum. Choice is the number one freedom we are given from birth and this man wants to take that away from you.

I disagree with multiple religious ideas, political ideas, social ideas, etc., but I will go to my grave supporting someone's right to choose the life they want to lead. There are consequences to every decision, but that burden is on the individual, not the government.

So far, the top three contenders for the Republican nomination are a super-wealthy, tax-evading business man who is light years away from understanding the middle class; a cheating, selfish, b----- who wants to colonize the moon; and a backwards zealot who would like to control how you conduct your private life.

We've paraded these three around and all had a good laugh, but can we now please start paying attention to Ron Paul?

Wisdom from Dr. Seuss

"A person's a person, no matter how small." — "Horton Hears a Who"

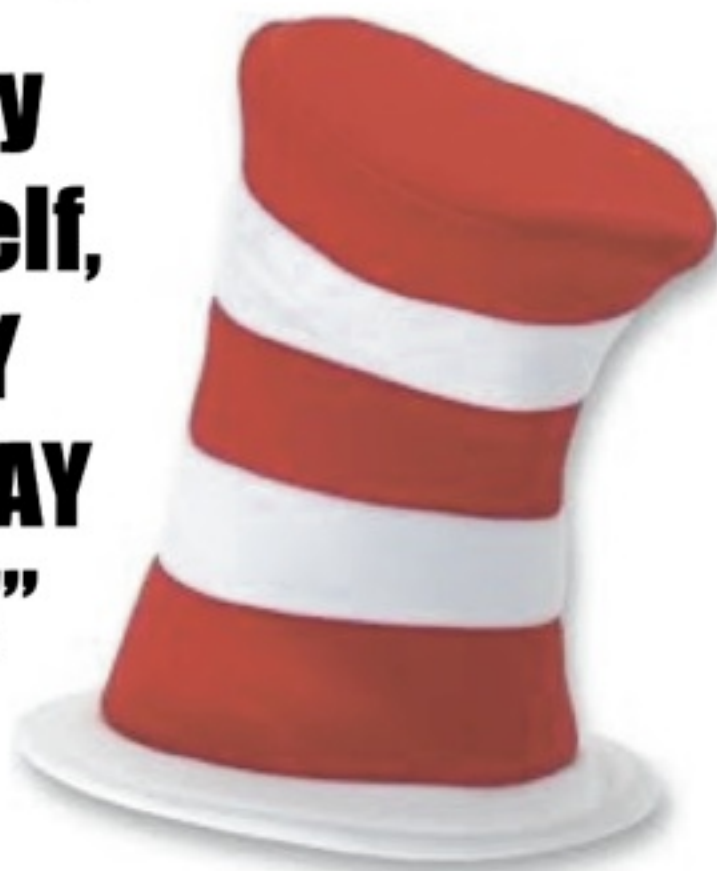
"But you... You ARE YOU! And, now isn't that pleasant!" — "Happy Birthday to You"

"You'll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut." — "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

"I know, up on top you are seeing great sights, but down here at the bottom we, too, should have rights." — "Yertle the Turtle"

"Adults are just obsolete children and the hell with them." — On writing for adults, as quoted in "Of Sneetches and Whos and the Good Dr. Seuss: Essays on the Writings and Life of Theodor Geisel"

**"If I say
so myself,
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO ME!"**



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Th' Burning: 'looking at history with a true lens'

KARA COLEMAN
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Last weekend, Th' Burning, an original play with music, made its world premiere at the Mason Hall auditorium. The show was co-conceived, developed, and written by JSU instructor Susan McCain and Graduate student Jason Wright. It ran Friday and Saturday night, and was presented by the African-American theater group "Th' Promise".

The show followed the friendship between Josephine, a black girl, and Elizabeth, a white girl; and a black pastor, Bro. Amos, and a white pastor, Preacher Jones. Set in 1961 in Alabama, Th' Burning fictionalizes the tensions and events surrounding the Mother's Day bus burning in Anniston. It was a powerful story that had audience members laughing, crying, and feeling the growing pains of a changing America during the Civil Rights Movement.



Kara Coleman/ THE CHANTICLEER

"It was inspired by the Freedom Riders and the bus burning, but it is not a historical play," Wright explains. "It's much more a fiction based out of history; things that could have happened, but didn't. Sometimes things that could have happened have more truth than actual facts".

The acting was phenomenal and very believable. Cast member Jonathan Coates gave a little bit of insight as to why: "We actually went to the site where they burned the bus, where they bombed it and everything. It puts you in the right mindset to do the play and show people what we're trying to show them".

Th' Burning was dedicated to the late Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, a leading civil rights activist who passed away last

October. His widow, Sephira B. Shuttlesworth, was in attendance for the Saturday night performance.

McCain and Wright had initially planned to do a production of Godspell, but they decided to do an original show instead. "We always said we were going to write our own piece," says McCain. "It's one of those things that just happens.



Members of the drama Th' Burning

I honestly think it was Divine intervention, because we had no choice. We just went with it."

McCain becomes giddy when she talks about the crowd that came for opening night. "We ran out chairs. We started pulling in chairs from other spaces, and then after those, we didn't have any more. Then people said, 'Well, do you want to come in and stand?' And they said, 'Sure!' So people were standing for the entire show!"

On Saturday evening, guests were treated to a reception preceding the performance. Audience and cast members mingled as the band "Jean Ellison and the Treatment" provided background music.

Also at the reception was art student Keslie Watts, who created a series of fifteen black-and-white prints featuring events from the play. Watts said that she and Wright interpreted ideas for the prints together. "It was a very fun series to work on, getting to see the cast and see the play," she adds.

Wright hoped that the show would leave an impression on audience members. "It deals with some heavy subject matter, but it's not about alienating a particular group of people or passing blame. It's about looking at our history, our shared history, with a true lens and saying to ourselves, 'Let's make the world better and learn from everything we have.'"

And the Oscar goes to...

COURTNEY RAY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The 84th Annual Academy Awards aired Sunday, February 26th. While there are usually a couple of upsets at the Oscars, this year's ceremony was fairly predictable... and fairly boring. There were too many montages! Thank goodness some of those known for comic relief, such as Chris Rock, Will Ferrell, and Zack Galifianakis, were there to liven things up a bit. "The Cirque du Soleil" performance was pretty awesome, too, and the Muppets made an appearance. Heavy hitters "Hugo" and "The Artist" raked in a hefty five Oscars each. Meryl Streep took home her third Academy Award to date for "The Iron Lady," which was the only slight upset of the night; many thought that "The Help's" Viola Davis would take the cake. The "most touching speech" award should go to Alabama



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native Octavia Spencer, who looked as though she might faint before she reached the podium to receive her Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in "The Help." Here is a complete list of winners from the ceremony:

- Writing (Adapted Screenplay)**
Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon, and Jim Nash, *The Descendants*
- Writing (Original Screenplay)**
Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris*
- Visual Effects**
Rob Legato, Joss Williams, Ben Grossmann, and Alex Henning, *Hugo*
- Short Film (Live Action)**
Terry George and Orlagh George, *The Shore*
- Short Film (Animated)**
William Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg, *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*
- Music (Original Song)**
Music and Lyric by Bret McKenzie, "Man or Muppet" from *The Muppets*
- Music (Original Score)**
Ludovic Bource, *The Artist*
- Foreign Language Film**
Asghar Farhadi, director, Iran, "A Separation"
- Film Editing**

- Kirk Baxter and Angus Wall, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*
- Costume Design**
Mark Bridges, *The Artist*
- Art Direction**
Dante Ferretti (Production Design); Francesca Lo Schiavo (Set Decoration), *Hugo*
- Cinematography**
Robert Richardson, *Hugo*
- Animated Feature Film**
Gore Verbinski, *Rango*
- Actress in a Supporting Role**
Octavia Spencer, *The Help*
- Actor in a Supporting Role**
Christopher Plummer, *Beginners*
- Actress in a Leading Role**
Meryl Streep, *The Iron Lady*
- Actor in a Leading Role**
Jean Dujardin, *The Artist*
- Best Picture**
Thomas Langmann, producer, *The Artist*

Movie reviews

MEGAN GARGIS
STAFF WRITER

Wanderlust

The comedy "Wanderlust" hit theaters last weekend, and has audiences laughing at its crude, yet much-needed, humor.

Within ninety-eight minutes, viewers are brought into the lives of George (Paul Rudd) and Linda (Jennifer Aniston). When they both lose their jobs, they can no longer continue living in New York City. Their families are reluctant and unable to help them, and the couple eventually finds themselves in a commune.

The definition of "wanderlust" is "a strong desire for, or impulse to, wander and explore the world". George and Linda see plenty of that by hanging out with a group of new friends they make at a bed and breakfast in Georgia on their way to George's brother's house. These friends are the type who believe in free love and sharing everything.

"Wanderlust" was directed and co-written by David Wain, known for directing movies such as "Role Models" (2008) and "Wet Hot American Summer" (2001). The film was also co-written by Ken Marino, who played George's rude but entertaining brother, Rick.

IMDb.com rated "Wanderlust" as a 6.5 out of 10. It is rated R for nudity and foul language, but if you enjoy comedies, this is one you need to see.



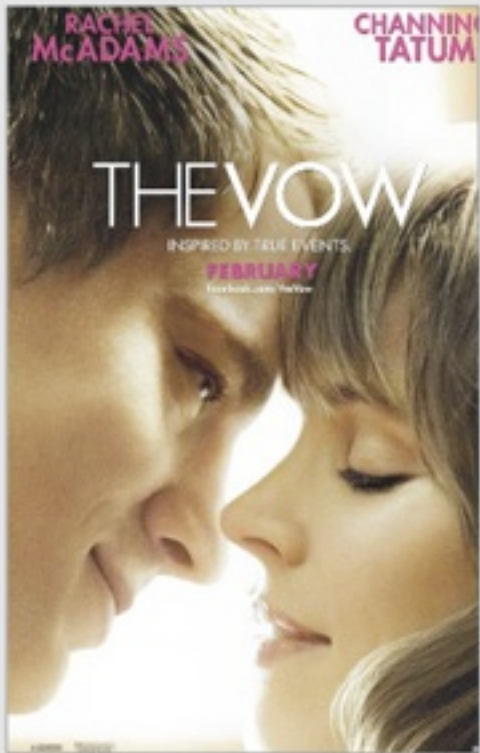
The Vow

The romantic drama "The Vow" had the hearts of romantics by the end of the first trailer. Starring Channing Tatum, who is a native of Cullman, Alabama, as Leo and Rachel McAdams as Paige, the film hit theaters just in time for Valentine's Day.

"The Vow" is based on an actual relationship between Kim and Krickett Carpenter from Farming, New Mexico, who wrote a book also titled "The Vow."

Set in Chicago, a beautiful love story is brought to a halt when an accident leaves Paige with amnesia. Her determined husband Leo sets out to win back the heart of his beloved wife, which proves to be a task. Based on the idea of the moment of impact and how it can change someone's entire life, the film asks the question: Can a once in a lifetime love find a second chance?

On IMDb.com, "The Vow" was rated 6.5 out of 10, leaving an overall great score for the crying romantics in the theater. Whether you're planning a date night with a special someone, or just a night out with friends, this is a movie worth seeing. Just have your tissues ready!



Da Movement

MEGAN GARGIS
STAFF WRITER

Did you know that the second most listened to show of all time on 91.9 FM WLJS, Jacksonville State's very own radio station changed recently? The spot is now owned by "Da Movement."

On Saturday nights between 10 pm and 1 am, WLJS' currently most-listened to show, "Da Movement," is entertaining Jacksonville with creative sign-ins, talk times ranging from hilarious to serious, music requested by listeners and today's hits.

Believe it or not, at first Corey "Young Prophet" Henderson, a personality on "Da Movement," didn't even know JSU had a radio station. Henderson's friend told him of it and gave his number to Billy "Pharoh" Ramsey, the Patrons Direct/Metal Director for WLJS. "Billy called me and was like, 'If you wanna be on the radio, be at the station in five minutes.' and now I've been on the radio for four years," Henderson recalls.

As for the rest of the movement, they fell in a few at a time, all brought in by Henderson. He referred to his cast members as humble and hungry. Most of them are in entertaining. "I like entertaining, that's what I do best," says radio personality Gitty.

"My favorite part of the

show is helping get people's voices out there when they can't," claims Xavier "Hugo" Hughlell. For radio personality Flawless Flame Potts, it's a confidence boost. He likes the opening with his spotlight: "It's my cocky moment."

Radio personality "Bobcat" Vera became interested in radio when he was a teenager. "I'm not going to be cocky and say my favorite part is my story time. So I would have to say that it's the spotlighting. All the guys are really talented at it and I just love to hear it," he explains. As for radio personality Rex, "My favorite part of our show is everything but the sign out. I hate ending the show."

Radio personalities DJ and Swag love hanging out and dance-offs. Radio personality Flash stated, "There's no bad part of 'Da Movement,' except you don't get to see our beautiful faces." Katelyn "Lil Thug" Morris adds, "Even when I have a bad day at work on Saturday, I know I'll have a good time once I get to the show."

Henderson has actually received two internships from the radio show. Making the second most listened made him feel validated, but he is striving for number one, along with all the cast. "Number two is the first loser. I'm proud of it, but 'Da Movement' has to make it to number one," Gitty says.

SPORTS

Track and Field finish program-best in OVC Indoor Championship

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State track and field team finished a program-best third at the 2012 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships held on the Tennessee State campus this weekend.

Jax State improved its position in the league by one spot from the previous year as it placed fourth a year ago at the indoor conference meet. The Gamecocks capped a stellar day as they accumulated a JSU record 86 points as a team and received points from 16 different individuals.

JSU was just 15 points behind second place Eastern Kentucky. Eastern Illinois claimed the men's and women's conference crowns.

Junior Laveeta Oliver became a two-time OVC Champion on Saturday after blasting the field in the 55 meter dash with a mark of 7.04.

Oliver, the defending OVC Champion in the 200 meter event claimed bronze in the 2012 edition with a time of 24.65. She finished on the heels of teammate Shamira Barrett, who clocked a time of 24.56, which was second-best in the finals.

Oliver was named to the OVC Women's First Team after the completion of the two-day championships.

In the 400 meter event,

Jax State had three competitors in the field and came away with valuable team points. Natasha Sturkie finished third with a time of 56.37,

while Elizabeth Clemmons posted a fifth-place mark with a 57.30. Latasha Sturkie rounded out the JSU points with a time of 58.19.

Freshman Giselle Slotboom broke her own JSU record in the mile as she crossed the finish line in third place and a time of 4:45.36. Slotboom established her new mark of 5:04.75 back on Feb. 10. The Sassenheim, The Netherlands native also finished third in the 3,000 meter run.

Tayla Washington, who broke the program's all time mark in the 55 meter hurdles did not

waste 24 hours to set a new JSU all time best as she claimed bronze with a time of 8.14. She qualified for the finals with an 8.31.

Jax State's stout 4x400 meter relay team claimed third place with a time of 3:49.24. In the field events, Andrea Hoke finished sixth in the weight throw after a toss of 14.84.

The Gamecocks open the outdoor season on March 9-10 in Birmingham, Ala. competing in the Birmingham Southern Invite.

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The track and field team pose for a group photo.

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Jacksonville State vs North Florida

Gamecocks lose series to Ospreys; pick up first win

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The Jacksonville State Gamecock baseball team dropped the opening game of a weekend long three game series with North Florida on a blustery Friday afternoon by a score of 7-2.

Eric Underwood gave the Gamecocks a lead in first inning when he rifled a home run over the center field wall to put JSU on top, 1-0.

Jacksonville State starting pitcher Aaron Elias started strong and faced just one batter over the minimum over the first four innings.

The only sign of trouble came in the first inning when North Florida's Tyler Marinov roped a single to left field with Andrew Karmaris on second base, but a perfect throw to home by Underwood gunned down Karmaris and the Osprey threat.

North Florida was able to crack Elias in the fifth inning when Joe Iorio ripped a bases loaded double down the right field line which plated two Ospreys and gave his team the lead, 2-1.

UNF increased the lead to 3-1 in the seventh inning when Drew Weeks led off with a double, moved to third base on a sacrifice bunt, and dashed home on a wild pitch.

JSU threatened in the bottom of the seventh when they loaded the bases but failed to deliver.

Andrew Bishop singled so Cal Lambert and Adam Miller both reached base on a pinch hit singles with North Florida coach Smoke Lavale changing pitchers for every new batter. Lavale finally brought in Tyler Moore to put out the fire.

Moore struck out Coty Blanchard and induced a pop up from Underwood to end the inning. It was the first time Underwood failed to reach a base.

UNF buried the hatchet in the Gamecocks in the eighth inning.

With the bases loaded, Michael Wesner ripped a triple into the right field corner to drive in three runs. Wesner raced home when the next batter lifted a sacrifice fly to make the score 7-1.

Jacksonville State tallied their final run in the bottom of the ninth inning when Lambert, who had walked and reached third base on a Miller double, dashed home on an Underwood ground out.

Underwood drove in both runs for JSU and went 3-5 at the plate. Miller was the only



Adam Miller (24) has been a steady hitter so far this season.

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Sam Eberle hit his first home run of the season in Saturday's loss.

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other Gamecock to register two hits.

DAY 2: UNF 9, JSU 3

JACKSONVILLE – Ryan Roberson had two hits and drove in three runs to lead North Florida to a 9-3 win over Jacksonville State at Rudy Ab-

bott Field on Saturday afternoon.

Tommy Organ (1-1) scattered seven hits and had seven strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings to earn his first win of the year for the Ospreys. JSU's Cody Ponder (0-1) gave up six runs in 4 2/3 innings to suffer the loss in his first career start.

North Florida (4-2) took a 3-0 lead in the first inning after Roberson drove in two runs with a single to left field and Drew Weeks doubled in another run to give the Ospreys the early lead.

Jax State (0-4) got on the scoreboard after Sam

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Gamecocks take care of SEMO, destroy UT-Martin for milestone 400th win

DANIEL PORTER
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The Gamecocks entered the contest fighting for one of the final spots in the OVC Tournament.

Southeast Missouri State had already locked up a position in the tournament; however, the Redhawks were in a slight slump.

Early on, each team answering the other's shot. With eight minutes to play in the first half, the game was tied 17-17.

Grant White, the freshman from Monroeville, AL, hit a three that began JSU's 10-0

run to finish the first half.

The Gamecocks didn't allow SEMO to score a point over the final seven minutes of the half and entered halftime up ten, 27-17.

Seven ties and seven lead changes told the story of the first half.

White picked up in the second half where he left off in the first, taking a steal back for a dunk. SEMO's Tyler Stone, a transfer from Missouri and the team's leading scorer, was charged with a technical foul.

Soon after and the Gamecocks stretched their lead to eleven.

With 10:15 remaining in the game JSU held a fifteen point lead but SEMO connected with three three-pointers to cut JSU's lead to six with over five minutes to go.

JSU held onto to the lead and increased it to ten after hitting several free throws down the stretch and defeated the Redhawks, 69-59.

The Gamecocks were 31-of-46 (67%) from the free throw line overall, however they connected better in the second half from that range, shooting 27-of-36 (75%).

The Redhawks committed 31 team fouls total.



Nick Cook (33) came away with 12 rebounds against SEMO.

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The win for JSU improved the Gamecocks' OVC record to 7-8 and secured a spot in the OVC tournament. This is the first time the Gamecocks will go to tournament play in two seasons.

Brian Williams led the team with 14 points and junior Ronnie Boggs contributed 13 of

his own.

**Jacksonville State 77,
UT-Martin 46**

In their final regular season game, the Gamecocks seemed

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UTSA gets the drop on JSU in a 6-1 decision

BIRMINGHAM – The Jacksonville State women's tennis team dropped a 6-1 decision to the University of Texas at San Antonio on Friday in a neutral site match played at Samford University.

The loss drops the Gamecocks to 3-4 on the season,



The women's tennis couldn't escape UTSA.

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while UTSA improved to 5-1 on the season.

The Roadrunners jumped on the scoreboard early by sweeping all three doubles positions. At No. 1, JSU's tandem of Raisa Guasti and Raphaela Lima fell to UTSA's duo of Isabelle Jonsson and Stefanie Peana, 8-2. Jax State's Rafaela Wenzel and Zoe Bizinos were edged by the Roadrunners' pairing of Vivian Carrillo and Micaela Silva, 8-6. UTSA completed the sweep at No. 3 after it's duo of Natalie

Hand and Kavya Menon topped JSU's Danielle Kerindi and Kelly Tomlin, 8-5.

In singles play, each match was highly contested, but went UTSA's way in five of the six matches. JSU's lone point came at No. 6 as Bizinos, playing under the weather, turned in a 6-3, 7-5 win over Irene Gonzalez. Guasti and UTSA's Stefanie Peana battled in straight sets before Peana posted a 7-6, 7-5 win at No. 1. Lima dropped a straight sets decision to Jonsson, 6-4, 7-5. UTSA's Silva claimed a 6-3, 6-2 win over Wenzel at No. 4.

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Changes to men's and women's tennis schedule

JACKSONVILLE – Jacksonville State has made venue changes to the 2011-12 JSU Men's and Women's tennis schedule.

Beginning with Saturday's women's match against College of Charleston, the JSU women will play a pair of home matches at the Golden Springs Community Center in Oxford, Ala. The Gamecocks' March 5 Ohio Valley Conference opener with UT Martin will also be held at the Golden Springs Community Center. Match time on Saturday with the Cougars of CoFC is set for 10 a.m., while the UTM match on Monday is slated for 1:30 p.m.

The women's squad has also

moved three OVC matches to Gadsden, Ala. Jax State will host OVC rivals Eastern Kentucky (March 11), Morehead State (March 18) and Southeast Missouri (April 1) at the Gadsden Tennis Center. JSU's men and women will close out the home schedule on April 11 with Mercer in Gadsden.

The Jax State men's squad will also move most of its remaining home matches off campus. The Gamecocks' duals with ECU (March 11) and Morehead State (March 18) will be contested at the Gadsden Tennis Center. JSU will host Tennessee Tech in Gadsden on April 1.

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Eberle hit his first home run of the season in the home half of the first inning, then Andrew Bishop drove in another run in the second inning to cut the lead to 3-2.

The Ospreys answered by scoring a run in the third after Tyler Marincov led off with a triple and scored on an infield grounder by Roberson, then Bryan Mathews hit a solo home run in the fourth and Alex Bacon drove in another run in the fifth inning to give UNF a 6-2 lead.

North Florida added a run in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, before the Gamecocks scored in the bottom of the ninth inning after Andrew Bishop led off with a triple and scored on an infield grounder by Kyle Stone for the final margin.

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DAY 3: JSU 3, UNF 2

With the Gamecocks trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs and a runner on first base, Michael Bishop was his team's last hope.

The sophomore outfielder delivered by crushing a fastball over the left field fence for a walk off home run and made his team win-

ners for the first time this season by a score of 3-2 over the North Florida Osprey's on Sunday afternoon at Rudy Abbot Field.

"That's one of those things that can take a lot of weight off," said head coach Jim Case in a post-game radio interview. "I think the whole dugout will be completely different tomorrow."

North Florida opened the scoring in the fourth inning when Joe Wielbruda walked, scampered to second base on a mishandled pick-off attempt and was advanced to third base on a groundout.

Tyler Marincov sent a line drive to right field to plate Wielbruda and put the Ospreys on top 1-0.

Jacksonville State knotted the game 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning.

After Andrew Bishop struck out for the second out of the inning, Coty Blanchard was able to work the count and drew a walk to force in the game tying run.

The lead was short lived as the Ospreys regained control in the top of the sixth inning when Wielbruda reached on a fielder's choice, dashed to second base on a wild pitch and scurried home when Marincov singled to center field, 2-1.

With runners on first and third with one out, Case brought Stout

in the bullpen and the right-hander came through by striking out the next two hitters to get his team out of the jam.

The game was looking bleak for Jacksonville State after Adam Miller grounded out weekly to first base to begin the last inning.

Kyle Bluestein was able to bloop a single over the second baseman's head before Cal Lambert struck out to set the stage for Bishop's blast.

Bradley Raulston started the game for JSU and did not allow a hit until the fourth inning.

Pre-season OVC Pitcher of the Year Todd Hornsby was the beneficiary and earned the win in his second outing of the season.

Hornsby fired the final two innings and allowed just one hit while he struck out one batter.

Bluestein and Bishop were the only Gamecocks to collect multiple hits in the game.

Bluestein was 3-4 at the plate with a triple and scored two runs.

The Gamecocks host the Kennesaw State Owls this weekend, March 2-4.

First pitch for Friday is set for 3 p.m., and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

-King-Garner

Milestone

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a bit distracted early on by the upcoming OVC tournament; however, they refocused and dismantled the Skyhawks of UT-Martin, 77-46 in the process.

After the opening tip, the Skyhawks jumped out to a 7-0 lead. JSU went over four minutes before scoring and began an incredible 13-1 run once they did.

During the run Tarvin Gaines threw down a dunk that put JSU ahead 9-8, and the Gamecocks didn't look back.

After a three by UTM, the Gamecocks took off again on 9-0 run. Brain Williams contributed with two three-pointers.

At halftime the Gamecocks held their largest lead of the night so far with a 40-27 lead.

The Gamecocks dominated the second half and with 12:15 remaining, Gaines hit a three that pushed the Gamecocks lead to more than

20 points.

Just over a minute later, a three by freshman Darion Rackley, pushed the lead to nearly 30. At the final media timeout the Gamecocks had an impressive 30 point 70-40 lead.

The Gamecocks controlled the clock and finished with a 77-46 win sweeping the season series over UTM.

The win for the Gamecocks was huge. It was the 400th win at Pete Mathews Coliseum in front of a crowd of over 1,100 Gamecock fans.

The win also improved JSU's OVC record to 8-8 and 14-17 overall which is the best finish since 2005-2006.

It was also the third win in a row for JSU tying their best winning streak of the season.

Ronnie Boggs and Darion Rackley led the scoring with 14 apiece. Tarvin Gaines contributed 13 points and Brian Williams finished with 12.



Tuesday's contest between JSU and UAB was stopped in the sixth inning.

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Delayed: Rain forces game to resume March 21

DANIEL PORTER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Gamecocks faced another in-state team this past Tuesday night.

The UAB Blazers made the first move scoring a run in the first. The Gamecocks responded by put up three in the bottom of the second to take an early 3-1 lead.

The Blazers would add a run in the top of the third and fifth to tie the game. In the bottom of the fifth, Eric Underwood's triple allowed Coty Blanchard to score. Underwood would later score himself on an error by UAB giving JSU a 5-3 lead after five innings.

Rain fell slowly throughout the game and started picking up towards the sixth inning.

In the top of the sixth, UAB put up three runs before the game was temporarily stopped for rain.

The game would not resume as the rain picked up intensity.

The game will continue where it left off on March 21 when the two teams play again at JSU. This is the third game that rain has played a negative impact for the Gamecocks this season. When the game resumes UAB will be batting in the top of the sixth up 6-5.

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The Gamecocks could not handle the Bulldogs.

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Samford explodes! Gamecocks lose 12-4

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The weather fared better in the Gamecock's home opener after having two of their first three games rained out in a season opening series in Louisiana.

Daniel Watts took the mound for JSU and had a successful start early giving up only one hit in the first three innings and holding the Bulldogs scoreless. Jacksonville State took the lead in the second inning when senior Jay Davis hit a solo homerun.

However, in the fourth inning the Bulldogs got rolling.

A nine-run fourth inning for Samford all

but put the game away. JSU responded with a run in the bottom of the inning pulling it to 9-2 after four, but the damage was done.

Samford added three more in the sixth inning. The Bulldogs had two players hit three-run homeruns and another with a three-run triple.

While the Gamecocks were able to allow just one base runner through the final three innings, there was not enough offense to make a comeback.

Samford cruised to a 12-4 victory. The Gamecocks will look for revenge as they travel to Samford March 7th.

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